

the banker they are working with. In turn, community banks realize their success revolves around the overall growth of the community. It's a reciprocal relationship in which the small business and the community bank depend on each other for future growth; neither can be successful without the other. Independent Community Bankers of America, ICBA, Chairman Terry Jorde explained the relationship well when he said, "Each of our nearly 5,000 bank members is a shining example of how community banks are still joined at the hip to our communities."

In addition to his many work contributions and other honors, Dale was responsible for establishing the Hutto Chamber of Commerce and also served on the Hutto School Board for many years. Having had the opportunity to witness firsthand his contributions to the Hutto and Round Rock communities, I am certain his impact will continue to be felt after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my constituents, Union State Bank, and the communities of Round Rock, Hutto, Georgetown, Florence, Liberty Hill, and Killeen, I would like to thank Dale for 50 years of distinguished service to the banking industry and the communities throughout Central Texas. Although his daily presence at Union State Bank will be sorely missed, I look forward to his continued contributions to the banking industry. I thank Dale for his service and friendship, and wish him the utmost happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 2006, I missed the following rollcall votes due to my flight being delayed: rollcall vote No. 289, final passage of H.R. 5540 and rollcall vote No. 290, final passage of H.R. 5504.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" to rollcall vote No. 289 and "yes" to rollcall vote No. 290.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MERRILL WORCESTER FOR HIS GENEROUS HOLIDAY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to extend my congratulations to Mr. Merrill Worcester, an American who believes in paying homage to the memory of veterans who gave all in the name of freedom.

As the owner of the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, Mr. Worcester oversees the workings of his holiday decoration company. Thirteen years ago, he could think of nothing better to do with his surplus of over 4,000 Christmas wreaths than bring them to Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Worcester

had visited Arlington at the age of 12 and dreamed of somehow honoring fallen soldiers.

Each year since 1993, Mr. Worcester has brought trucks holding over 5,000 Christmas wreaths to Arlington and has joined with hundreds of volunteers from all walks of military and civilian life in placing the wreaths on the headstones. The wreathlaying event continues to be one that carries a great message of thanks and gratitude to those who gave their lives as well as a reminder to their families during the holidays that they will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to a man who truly understands the nature of giving and works to continually commemorate the giving of the ultimate sacrifice—life—in order to achieve freedom.

IN HONOR OF JEAN JOSEPH SIBILLY 1889-1997

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, each year in mid-July, the French Community on St. Thomas, in my District, observes French Heritage Week, commemorating the storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789 which marked the beginning of the French Revolution, with a week of French flavored activities.

This year, the French Heritage Week Committee is posthumously honoring Jean Joseph Sibilly, patriarch of the French community of Estate Elizabeth on St. Thomas.

I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor and acknowledge the innumerable contributions this great visionary made to the Virgin Islands in general and his community in particular.

Jean Joseph Sibilly was born on the French Caribbean island of St. Barthelemy on January 5, 1889, but grew up and received his education on the island of Guadeloupe. Trained in agriculture and animal husbandry, he emigrated to St. Thomas in 1912 and established residence on the north side of the island, an area predominantly occupied by other French immigrants.

At age 23, this agricultural entrepreneur purchased Estate Elizabeth and a few years later another 268 acres with 12 other north side families in nearby Estate Lerkenlund to be used for farming. This area has had a long legacy as until recently the French north side farmers were still the primary source for fresh produce.

He was a self taught skilled engineer and builder credited for planning and supervising the road system on the north side of St. Thomas, the construction of numerous homes and public buildings, and was legendary for his ability to draw a straight line without the aid of conventional instruments.

Above all else, he was a humanitarian and community leader. His generosity is exemplified by the large tracks of land he donated to the Catholic Church and the local government. The community's Catholic Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and adjacent cemetery, as well as an elementary school, were made possible through his philanthropy. Not a politician or elected official, he was however influential

in local elections and served as the guardian of good government in the particular interest of the people of the north side of the island.

On March 9, 1973, the Tenth Legislature of the Virgin Islands approved Resolution 3395 which renamed the Robert Herrick Elementary School the Joseph Sibilly Elementary School in honor of his great community spirit, generous donations, and good deeds.

A devout Roman Catholic, his religious beliefs were reflected in his daily life. In recognition of his humanitarian spirit, The Virgin Islands Daily News on his passing wrote, "Joseph Sibilly was in a sense an Old Testament man, a patriarch with vision and strength and generosity. He left for all of us a valuable legacy, the knowledge that ultimately a man serves himself best when he serves others".

Jean Joseph Sibilly's generosity, considerateness, wisdom, foresight, pride in and love for his fellow man deserve our recognition honor today.

A TRIBUTE TO SANG SU YI

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sang Su Yi, a distinguished member of the business and civic communities. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Sang Su Yi was born in Kobe, Japan in 1933 and returned to South Korea right after World War II in 1946. During the Korean Civil War, he served at the supply base in the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters Division. At the end of the Korean Civil War, Sang Su Yi returned to high school.

Sang Su Yi started his career as a reporter after receiving his bachelor's degree at the University of Han Yang. In 1963, he also served in seventh division of the U.S. Infantry in Korea. In 1973, when he was offered a job from the Carnival Cruise Line in Miami, FL, Sang Su Yi decided to enter the new world of the United States of America. In 1976, he came to New York City and started his small business. In 1984, Sang Su Yi's wife and children immigrated from Seoul, Korea and joined him in New York City. Since coming to New York City, Sang Su Yi has enhanced his spiritual life. He attends Full Gospel New York Church and has served in various positions. He completed the Bible College with his wife and he is serving the Lord as a deacon in the church. Currently, Sang Su Yi is the president of the World Mission of Korean Folk Praise. His Folk Praise team, which includes his wife, traveled to many countries to help missionaries to build schools and hospitals in Central and South America.

Additionally, Sang Su Yi is the chairperson of the board of trustees of the Korean Traditional Music Institute of New York. The Korean Traditional Music team has performed more than 1,800 times over last 20 years. They have performed in Washington, DC, Long Island University, Lincoln Center, at the U.N., World Hunger events, museums, local schools, nursing homes, prisons, and almost every parade and major event in New York

and New Jersey. Sang Su Yi has received numerous awards including from the chairperson of the New York Korean Association, the president of the Long Island Korean Association, a mayor from Guatemala City, a couple of outstanding performance awards from Seoul Korea and a leadership award from Full Gospel New York Church.

Sang Su Yi, his wife and his praise team stand ready to travel beyond the United States to support the missionaries around the world wherever help and encouragement are needed.

Sang Su Yi has been married for 48 years; he and his wife have four children and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Sang Su Yi, as he offers his talents and services for the betterment of our local and global communities.

Mr. Speaker, Sang Su Yi's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

LTG METZ TO GIVE UP COMMAND OF III CORPS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, in May 2006 LTG Thomas F. Metz relinquished command of the III U.S. Corps in Fort Hood, TX. This successful and decorated general has had an illustrious career and will be missed at Fort Hood.

After his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry. His career has taken him to locations throughout the world including Germany, Italy, and Iraq, with such varied positions as assistant professor at West Point and Combined Joint Task Force 7 commander in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He assumed the post at Fort Hood in February 2003. Since then, he deployed the III Corps to Iraq in January 2004 and was commanding the Multi-National Corps—Iraq until May 2006. He will now continue to serve our country at Fort Monroe as U.S. Army Training Doctrine commanding general.

In his career, Lieutenant General Metz has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with two Service Stars, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 3, Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Belgium Brevet "A" Commando.

He and his wife, Pam, have been and remain good friends of mine and my wife, Erika. Pam has been an active part of the community of Fort Hood and the families on base will not soon forget them.

I had the honor to visit Lieutenant General Metz and the Fort Hood soldiers under his command during a recent trip to Iraq. I saw firsthand the powerful leadership he dem-

onstrates and the strong support he enjoys. Lieutenant General Metz is the pride of the United States Army and will be dearly missed at Fort Hood.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on June 16, 2006, I missed the following rollcall vote: rollcall vote No. 288, Final Passage of H. Res. 861.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" to rollcall vote No. 288.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed roll call Votes Nos. 289–291 on June 19, 2006. These were suspension votes on H.R. 5540, H.R. 5504, and H. Res. 826. Due to plane delays, my travel to Washington, DC was not completed until following the conclusion of votes this evening.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted rollcall vote No. 289, the "Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office Designation Act," "yea"; rollcall vote No. 290, the "Larry Winn, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act," "yea"; and rollcall vote No. 291 Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Youth Sports Week should be established, "yea."

RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE (REPUBLICANS STALL BILL THAT WOULD BOOST SALARIES)

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, workers across this country are increasingly being asked to do more with less. As prices rise on housing, health care, energy and education, the millions of Americans who work full time and make minimum wage are slipping farther and farther into poverty.

The minimum wage in this country has not been raised since 1997 and is now at its lowest level in 50 years when adjusted for inflation. Making only \$5.15 an hour, a full-time minimum wage employee will earn only \$10,700 annually. This is far from enough to make ends meet—especially for the 75 percent who are responsible at least half of their family's income. Raising children on a middle-class income is hard enough—imagine trying to do it on one-third of that amount.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats believe that the minimum wage should be a living wage. No American who works full-time, all year, should

live in poverty, unable to support their family. Last week, Democrats were successful in inserting a minimum wage increase into the Labor-H-H-S appropriations bill. But now the Republican leadership is stalling a floor vote. It is time for real action to move hard working Americans out of poverty. Seven million Americans deserve a raise today.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND REINICK

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a remarkable gentleman from my district. Raymond Reinick was born in Kersey, CO in 1924. Growing up on his family's farm, he learned the value of hard work and developed a strong sense of pride in his country.

Raymond answered the call to duty when America entered WWII, joining the Navy and serving in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS *Fond Du Lac* as a Signalman Second Class. Having received the WWII Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal, Raymond was honorably discharged from the Navy and returned home to work on the family farm.

Not long after Raymond returned from the war, he married Bernadette and began a family. Raymond worked as a stationary engineer for Union Pacific Railroad for almost 40 years, supporting his wife and four children.

Raymond passed away in 2003 and was buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery along side his comrades from the war.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand before this body of Congress and recognize Raymond Reinick's loyal service to our grateful Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to official business, I missed rollcall votes 290 and 291 on Monday, June 19, 2006. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both votes. Rollcall vote 290 was a vote to pass H.R. 5504, legislation to designate a post office in Mission, Kansas for Larry Winn, Jr. Rollcall vote 291 was a vote to pass H. Res. 826, a resolution expressing support for the creation of a National Youth Sports Week.

THE STUTTERING FOUNDATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to an article I recently read about Tiger Woods in The Stuttering Foundation's summer newsletter. I stuttered as a child and I think it's important for